

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 698

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Star baseball team of Lawrenceburg as 2013 East Tennessee, Southeast Regional Champions, and Reserve World Champions.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of 13-year-old Tennesseans is the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Star baseball team of Lawrenceburg, which experienced an incredibly exciting and prosperous time in tournament play; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceburg lads secured the East Tennessee championship for their age bracket, and then they proceeded in post-season play to win the championship for the entire Southeast Region; and

WHEREAS, the regional win brought to the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Stars an invitation to vie in the Babe Ruth World Series which was played in Williston, North Dakota, in August, and there they made a winning run through multiple contenders and reveled in the pleasures of victory; and

WHEREAS, the team played in the championship game, and their efforts were beyond extraordinary; however, they were bested by formidable opponents, and the Lawrenceburg team finished the tournament as the 2013 Babe Ruth 13-year-old World Reserve Champions; and

WHEREAS, the young Tennesseans who make up this championship team are: Jett Beasley, Sam Crane, Kendall E. Franklin, Clay Gambel, Jacob Hallmark, Koltar Houser, Bradley

Huckaba, Jacob James, Jacob Laws, Lance Pope, Ben Staggs, Sawyer Blaine Turnbow, and Ryan Weathers; and

WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of these outstanding athletes have been nurtured, strengthened, refined, and now relished by their management team, which is headed by manager David Weathers and coaches Michael Crane, Josh Purcell, and Steven Shults; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the Lawrenceburg players and coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this Babe Ruth District 8 team of All-Stars displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should now be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and honor the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Star baseball team of Lawrenceburg on winning the 2013 East Tennessee and Southeast Region Champions and finishing as Reserve World Champions in their age category of the Babe Ruth League. We applaud their success and extend our best wishes to each one for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.